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The Royal Warrant had been given to fetch the returne & the
appear to me in manner obtained
As to the last Demand in relation to Bills Bonds records &
other writings belonging to his Lordships Land & Tenancies
that the Bills & Bonds of the fact be as his affidavit borne by
the Lord Baltimore that they are his Securities for the several
sums of Money agreed to be paid his Lordship by the Planters
upon his Grant by Land to them & that they were in his cus-
tody & seized & taken from his servant then upon his Lordship
being discharged of the Gov. the fact being so I think it may
be just & reasonable that they should be restored to his Lord-
ship & I cannot see any prejudice can thereby happen
to the parties by whom such Bonds or Bills were given
tho they have not executed their warrants nor their Certifi-
cates returned for the Bonds cannot be put in suite till the
Lord Baltimore hath performed the condition on his part
But I conceive it proper that the Records which are of pub-
lick use to preserve the Antiquities & title to their Lands
should be kept under the Custody of the Governor

All which is humbly submitted to your Lordships Great
Wisdom

The. Tower Nov^r 2 1692

His Majesty was pleased to approve of the said Report &
did order as it is hereby ordered that the Act lately passed in
Maryland for the fourteen pence Tonnage be & it is hereby
repealed & disallowed & that the Lord Baltimore be permitted
without any Disturbance or Interruption to collect & receive
by such persons or persons as he shall think unto authorize
& appoint the said Duty of fourteen pence per Ton for Port
Duties or Anchorage for his own use of right belonging to him
by Law as Lord Proprietor of the said Province & as well Coll^r
Copy to their Majestys present Gov^r as the Lord Baltimore &
all others whom it may concern are to take Notice of his
Majestys pleasure hereby signified & to comply with the se-
veral particulars of the said Report

John Nicholas